

**BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT**

Claim 16 has been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended as supported by Claim 16 and the specification.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 11, 13-15 will now be active in this application.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowability of Claim 16. Accordingly, the limitations of Claim 16 have been included in Claim 1.

The rejections of Claims 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, and 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, are obviated by the amendment of Claim 15.

The rejection of Claim 16 is moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 16.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

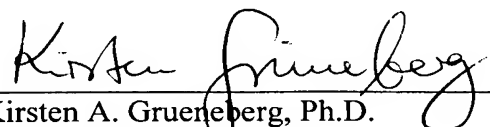
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